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Police Athletic League (PAL) Basketball Scores Big with Schools

Six New Elementary Schools Join League This Season

Seventeen Durham elementary schools are participating in the 2016 Winter Basketball League of the Police Athletic League (PAL). A program of the Community Services Division of the Durham Police Department (DPD), this year's league consists of 23 teams of third, fourth and fifth graders including boys and girls. Games began Saturday, February 6, 2016, and will run consecutive Saturdays through March 19. Games are played concurrently from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lakeview School Gymnasium (3507 Dearborn Drive). See game schedule(s) below.

DPD's PAL program welcomes six new schools to the basketball league this year: Fayetteville Street, Lakewood, Hope Valley, R. N. Harris, E. K. Powe and Faith Assembly Christian Academy. Returning schools include: C.C. Spaulding, Club Boulevard, Y. E. Smith, Merrick Moore, Holt, Pearson, Eastway, Morehead, W.G. Pearson, Easley, and I.D.Y.L. Charter.

Durham schools are invited to participate at no cost to the students. The police department provides jerseys for the teams; officials to referee the games; the game facility; police staff to oversee the league; and volunteer support including coaches, score keepers and concessions.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for this age group to learn the game of basketball and teamwork, as elementary schools generally do not have organized sports teams," says Officer John Suitt Jr., co-coordinator of PAL. "Even more so, the PAL program offers many opportunities for youth, families and police officers to interact in positive social, recreational and educational settings. Our hope is that meaningful friendships will develop among youth, law enforcement and families that will extend far beyond this season to build stronger, safer communities in the long run."

"We started out in 2010 with eight schools and 16 teams consisting of approximately 240 youth," says Master Officer Erwin Baker, PAL co-coordinator. "This year we have 23 teams and approximately 345 youth in the program. The same youth tend to return to the program each year and as a result we have seen the level of play improve tremendously over the years."

History of DPD's Police Athletic League

The Durham Police Department implemented its PALs program in 2010 as a crime prevention initiative in North East Central Durham (NECD). PALs utilize athletics and other activities to foster and maintain mentoring relationships between police officers and youth (and their families) who reside in the city's most challenging neighborhoods. PAL programs are held year round including basketball, baseball and soccer.

(See game schedules on next two pages)

DURHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT 2016 PAL BASKETBALL 3rd - 5th Grade

Games are played concurrently at Lakeview School Gymnasium (3507 Dearborn Drive).

Boys/Co-Ed Game Schedule

| DATE | TIME | VISITOR | | HOME |
|--------------|----------|-----------------|----|-----------------|
| SAT. 2/6/16 | 9:00 AM | FACA PROS | VS | HOPE VALLEY |
| SAT. 2/6/16 | 9:00 AM | Y. E. SMITH | VS | PEARSONTOWN |
| SAT. 2/6/16 | 10:00 AM | CLUB BLVD | VS | FAYETTEVILLE ST |
| SAT. 2/6/16 | 10:00 AM | E. K. POWE | VS | I.D.Y.L. |
| SAT. 2/6/16 | 11:00 AM | EASLEY | VS | MERRICK MOORE |
| SAT. 2/6/16 | 11:00 AM | C. C. SPAULDING | VS | MOREHEAD |
| SAT. 2/6/16 | 12:00 PM | R. N. HARRIS | VS | HOLT |
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| SAT. 2/13/16 | 9:00 AM | W. G. PEARSON | VS | EASTWAY |
| SAT. 2/13/16 | 9:00 AM | MERRICK MOORE | VS | R. N. HARRIS |
| SAT. 2/13/16 | 10:00 AM | PEARSONTOWN | VS | E. K. POWE |
| SAT. 2/13/16 | 10:00 AM | FAYETTEVILLE ST | VS | Y. E. SMITH |
| SAT. 2/13/16 | 11:00 AM | HOLT | VS | C. C. SPAULDING |
| SAT. 2/13/16 | 11:00AM | I.D.Y.L. | VS | EASLEY |
| SAT. 2/13/16 | 12:00 PM | MOREHEAD | VS | FACA PROS |
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| SAT. 2/20/16 | 9:00 AM | EASLEY | VS | PEARSONTOWN |
| SAT. 2/20/16 | 9:00 AM | LAKEWOOD | VS | W. G. PEARSON |
| SAT. 2/20/16 | 10:00 AM | FACA PROS | VS | HOLT |
| SAT. 2/20/16 | 10:00 AM | EASTWAY | VS | CLUB BLVD |
| SAT. 2/20/16 | 11:00 AM | R. N. HARRIS | VS | I.D.Y.L. |
| SAT. 2/20/16 | 11:00 AM | C. C. SPAULDING | VS | MERRICK MOORE |
| SAT. 2/20/16 | 12:00 PM | HOPE VALLEY | VS | MOREHEAD |
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| SAT. 2/27/16 | 9:00 AM | CLUB BLVD | VS | LAKEWOOD |
| SAT. 2/27/16 | 9:00 AM | E. K. POWE | VS | FAYETTEVILLE ST |
| SAT. 2/27/16 | 10:00 AM | Y. E. SMITH | VS | EASTWAY |
| SAT. 2/27/16 | 10:00 AM | MERRICK MOORE | VS | FACA PROS |
| SAT. 2/27/16 | 11:00 AM | PEARSONTOWN | VS | R. N. HARRIS |
| SAT. 2/27/16 | 11:00AM | HOLT | VS | HOPE VALLEY |
| SAT. 2/27/16 | 12:00 PM | I.D.Y.L. | VS | C. C. SPAULDING |
| | 9:00 AM | FAYETTEVILLE ST | VS | EASLEY |
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| SAT. 3/5/16 | | | | |
| SAT. 3/5/16 | 9:00 AM | LAKEWOOD | VS | Y. E. SMITH |
| SAT. 3/5/16 | 10:00 AM | HOPE VALLEY | VS | MERRICK MOORE |
| SAT. 3/5/16 | 10:00 AM | FACA PROS | VS | I.D.Y.L. |
| SAT. 3/5/16 | 11:00 AM | W. G. PEARSON | VS | CLUB BLVD |
| SAT. 3/5/16 | 11:00 AM | EASTWAY | VS | E. K. POWE |
| SAT. 3/5/16 | 12:00 PM | MOREHEAD | VS | HOLT |
| | 9:00 AM | R. N. HARRIS | VS | FAYETTEVILLE ST |
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| SAT. 3/12/16 | | | | |
| SAT. 3/12/16 | 9:00 AM | EASLEY | VS | EASTWAY |
| SAT. 3/12/16 | 10:00 AM | C. C. SPAULDING | VS | PEARSONTOWN |

Boys/Co-ed Game Schedule continued....

| DATE | TIME | VISITOR | | HOME |
|--------------|-------------|-----------------|----|----------------|
| SAT. 3/12/16 | 11:00AM | Y. E. SMITH | VS | W. G. PEARSON |
| SAT. 3/12/16 | 12:00 PM | I.D.Y.L. | VS | HOPE VALLEY |
| SAT. 3/19/16 | 9:00 AM | FAYETTEVILLE ST | VS | C.C. SPAULDING |
| SAT. 3/19/16 | 9:00 AM | EASLEY | VS | W. G. PEARSON |
| SAT. 3/19/16 | 10:00 AM | CLUB BLVD | VS | Y. E. SMITH |
| SAT. 3/19/16 | 10:00 AM | PEARSONTOWN | VS | FACA PROS |
| SAT. 3/19/16 | 11:00 AM | EASTWAY | VS | R. N. HARRIS |
| SAT. 3/19/16 | 11:00 AM | E. K. POWE | VS | MOREHEAD |
| SAT. 3/19/16 | 12:00 PM | LAKEWOOD | VS | HOLT |

Girls Schedule

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|--------------|----------|----------------|----|----------------|
| Sat 02/06/16 | 12:00 PM | PEARSONTOWN | VS | C.C. SPAULDING |
| SAT 02/06/16 | 1:00 PM | W. G. PEARSON | VS | HOPE VALLEY |
| SAT 02/06/16 | 1:01 PM | I.D.Y.L . | VS | HOLT |
| SAT 02/13/16 | 12:00 PM | HOPE VALLEY | VS | I.D.Y.L |
| SAT 02/13/16 | 1:00 PM | HOLT | VS | Y. E. SMITH |
| SAT 02/13/16 | 1:01 PM | C.C. SPAULDING | VS | W. G. PEARSON |
| SAT 02/20/16 | 12:00 PM | W. G. PEARSON | VS | PEARSONTOWN |
| SAT 02/20/16 | 1:00 PM | I.D.Y.L . | VS | C.C. SPAULDING |
| SAT 02/20/16 | 1:01 PM | Y. E. SMITH | VS | HOPE VALLEY |
| SAT 02/27/16 | 12:00 PM | C.C. SPAULDING | VS | Y. E. SMITH |
| SAT 02/27/16 | 1:00 PM | PEARSONTOWN | VS | I.D.Y.L |
| SAT 02/27/16 | 1:01 PM | HOPE VALLEY | VS | HOLT |
| SAT 03/05/16 | 12:00 PM | I.D.Y.L | VS | W. G. PEARSON |
| SAT 03/05/16 | 1:00 PM | HOLT | VS | C.C. SPAULDING |
| SAT 03/05/16 | 1:01 PM | Y. E. SMITH | VS | PEARSONTOWN |
| SAT 03/12/16 | 12:00 PM | PEARSONTOWN | VS | HOLT |
| SAT 03/12/16 | 1:00 PM | W. G. PEARSON | VS | Y. E. SMITH |
| SAT 03/12/16 | 1:01 PM | C.C. SPAULDING | VS | HOPE VALLEY |
| SAT 03/19/16 | 12:00 PM | HOLT | VS | W. G. PEARSON |

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